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the bill. If there is an amendment to the amendment, same scenario. So we will have a vote now rather than discussing something for 15 minutes, and if any one of us is clever enough to speak long enough the bill goes away. And we have decided that if it is a truly noncontroversial bill there should be a vote on whether to advance that bill, so that is the main change. If you have questions, I would be glad to try to answer them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. I was distracted on the phone. Are...have you finished opening? Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a motion from Senator Hudkins to suspend all pertinent rules and vote immediately upon the adoption of the second Rules Committee amendment, as proposed by Rules Committee, without further amendment, motion, or debate.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, as we said yesterday, the rules debate is not subject to the cloture rule, so having the suspension of the rules is what we have, as a committee, decided to do so that we can come to a finalization of our discussion. So that is what the committee has done, is move to suspend the rules, so that we may come to a vote. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the motion to suspend? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Hudkins, as you know, I didn't support the motion yesterday, but I intended to support this rule change today because I don't think that it would do any harm and it might do some good. But after reading the paper this morning and your comments in the paper, I want to ask you a question or two. You said in the paper this morning, and this may or may not be a correct quote but, "I think we may have closed one door but opened another door for more mischief. We hear that if we have the will we can stop Chambers and by a 35 to 11 vote we stopped